

Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A pigment dispersant useful in a cathodic electrocoating composition ~~comprising~~ consisting essentially of the reaction product of (1) an adduct of an alkyl aminoalkyl amine and an alkylene carbonate; and (2) an organic acid to form a tertiary amine salt and (3) an epoxy resin being reacted with the amine salt to form a quaternary ammonium salt.

2. (Currently Amended) The pigment dispersant of claim 1 in which the alkyl aminoalkyl amine and the alkylene carbonate are reacted in an ~~approximate equal~~ equimolar amount.